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1. GENERAL TIKKA KHAN PAID TEN DAY VISIT TO EGYPT FROM MAY 10 TO MAY 19. AT INVITATION EGYPTIAN CHIEF OF STAFF GAMASI.

2. ACCORDING TO PAKISTANI SOURCE, EGYPTIANS ROLLED OUT RED CARPET FOR VISITING MILITARY DELEGATION. TIKKA KHAN WAS GUEST AT DINNER PARTY GIVEN IN HIS HONOR BY GENERAL GAMASI. THE DELEGATION VISITED VARIOUS EGYPTIAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS INCLUDING NAVY BASE IN ALEXANDRIA AND THIRD AND SECOND ARMIES IN CANAL AREA. THE GENERAL WAS RECEIVED FORMALLY BY C/S GENERAL GAMASI, DEP PM AND WAR MIN ISMAIL, AND PRESIDENT SADAT.

3. COMMENT: FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS OF PROGRAM SET UP FOR PAKISTANI DELEGATION IT APPEARS PROTOCOLAIRE FUNCTIONS WERE KEPT AT A MINIMUM, THEREBY LEAVING LONG PERIODS OF TIME FOR BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS. A LIKELY ITEM ON AGENDA MAY HAVE BEEN MILITARY TRAINING FOR EGYPTIANS, PARTICULARLY FOR EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO HARD EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS SPECULATION.
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